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Bill Summary

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Overview

For the last three years, the legislature has appropriated \$250,000 per year to the Minnesota Department of Education for a grant to an evidence-based early literacy parent-child home visiting program. The department has awarded the grant to Jewish Family and Children's Services of Minneapolis for its parent-child home visiting program.

Parent-child home programs are designed to have instructors (called home visitors) visit families with young children to give parents added skills and tools to teach and interact with their children, building literacy skills for school readiness.

The 2013 law requires the program to provide service in at least one suburban area, one rural area, and one urban area. This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of money for the grants. This program is in the budget base at \$250,000 per year.

Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money for the parent-child home visiting program. Continues the requirement that the program provide service in at least one suburban area, one rural area, and one urban area. Specifies that the target age range of the children served is from 16 months to four years of age.